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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 23 March to 10 April 1992. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 March 1992 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-fourth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-third session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-fourth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 20 March 1992.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

7. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-third session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-fourth session; to study, in the light of the discussion at the Committee's forty-third session, the format of the Committee's concluding observations; to consider an issue relating to article 14, paragraph 7, of the Covenant raised by a State party during the consideration of its report at the forty-third session; and to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it relating to articles 18 and 25 of the Covenant.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant

In accordance with the Committee's decision at its fifteenth session, the summary records of the Third Committee pertaining to the discussion of the annual report a/ together with a note indicating the matters raised in the course of the discussions, along with the relevant General Assembly resolution and other documentation pertaining to the International Covenants on Human Rights, will be circulated to members of the Committee.

(b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments

The Committee will have before it the summary records of the Third Committee as well as the relevant General Assembly resolution relating to this item.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fourth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

United Republic of Tanzania	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.12)
Guinea	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.2)
Luxembourg	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.4)
Afghanistan	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.5)
Burundi	Initial report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/68/Add.2)
Republic of Belarus	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.8)
Mongolia	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.2)
Uruguay	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.4)
Senegal	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.5)
Hungary	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.7)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-third session (8 November 1991) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	15
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	6
Ireland	7 March 1991	2
Somalia	23 April 1991	1

Second periodic reports

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	17
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	17
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	16
Cyprus	18 August 1984	16
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	16
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	5
Gambia	21 June 1985	14
Suriname	2 August 1985	13
Venezuela	1 November 1985	12
Lebanon	21 March 1986	13
Kenya	11 April 1986	12
Mali	11 April 1986	12
Jamaica	1 August 1986	10
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	4
Guyana	10 April 1987	10
Iceland	30 October 1987	9
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	8
Egypt	13 April 1988	7
El Salvador	31 December 1988	6
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	5
Gabon b/	20 April 1989	5
Congo	4 January 1990	4
Zambia	9 July 1990	3
Bolivia	13 July 1990	3
Togo	23 August 1990	3
Cameroon	26 September 1990	3
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	1

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of) c/	21 March 1988	8
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya c/	4 February 1988	8
Lebanon c/	21 March 1988	8
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	6
Bulgaria c/	28 April 1989	5
Romania	28 April 1989	5
Cyprus c/	18 August 1989	5
Syrian Arab Republic c/	18 August 1989	5
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	4
New Zealand c/	27 March 1990	4
Gambia c/	21 June 1990	3
Mauritius	18 July 1990	3
Suriname c/	2 August 1990	3
Denmark	1 November 1990	3
Italy	1 November 1990	3
Venezuela c/	1 November 1990	2
El Salvador c/	28 February 1991	2
Barbados	11 April 1991	2
Kenya c/	11 April 1991	2
Mali c/	11 April 1991	2
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1991	-
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	1
Zaire	31 July 1991	1
Jamaica c/	1 August 1991	1
Norway	1 August 1991	1
Portugal	1 August 1991	1
Costa Rica	1 August 1991	1
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	1
Japan	31 October 1991	1
Netherlands	31 October 1991	1
Dominican Republic	31 October 1991	1

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-third session (8 November 1991) and the closing date of its forty-fourth session (10 April 1992)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Malta	12 December 1991

Second periodic reports

San Marino	17 January 1992

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Australia	12 November 1991
Jordan	22 January 1992
France	3 February 1992
India	31 March 1992
Panama	31 March 1992
Guyana c/	10 April 1992
Rwanda	10 April 1992

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-fourth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Republic of Korea (initial report)	CCPR/C/68/Add.1	Tuesday, p.m. Thursday, p.m.	24 March 1992 26 March 1992
Algeria (initial report)	CCPR/C/62/Add.1	Wednesday, a.m. Friday, a.m.	25 March 1992 27 March 1992
Niger (initial report)	CCPR/C/45/Add.4	Wednesday, p.m. Friday, p.m.	25 March 1992 27 March 1992
Peru (second periodic report)	CCPR/C/51/Add.4	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	31 March 1992 1 April 1992
Colombia (third periodic report)	CCPR/C/64/Add.3	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	2 April 1992 3 April 1992
Belgium (second periodic report)	CCPR/C/57/Add.3	Tuesday, a.m./p.m.	7 April 1992
Yugoslavia d/ (third periodic report)		Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	8 April 1992 9 April 1992

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fourth session.

Under this item, the Committee will also consider revised draft general comments on article 10 of the Covenant as well as any other draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-five communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 45 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 90 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider any further contributions it may wish to make to the preparatory process.

Notes

a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth session, Supplement No. 40 (A/46/40).

b/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

c/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

d/ At its forty-third session, the Committee requested the Government of Yugoslavia to submit its third periodic report not later than 31 January 1992 for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fourth session. Upon receipt, the report will be issued as document CCPR/C/52/Add.10.